

REMARKS

The above amendments are submitted in view of an interview conducted with Supervisory Patent Examiner Anthony Knight on December 10, 2003. U.S. 4,406,463 (Fabrowsky) cannot disclose or suggest the invention as now recited in claims 15, 30 and 34 nor the corresponding dependent claims. The Examiner's attention is directed to the exhibits submitted during the interview illustrating the pressure propagation of the claimed seal assembly versus that of Fabrowsky.

Applicant respectfully requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case.

It is believed that no fee is due for this submission. Should that determination be incorrect, the Office is authorized to charge any deficiencies to our Deposit Account No. 19-2105 and notify the undersigned.

Should the Examiner have any questions or comments, he is encouraged to telephone the undersigned at the number provided below.

Respectfully submitted,

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